



Is There a Need to Revisit Monitoring Council Membership?

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Original Tasks per SB 1070

- 💧 Inventory existing monitoring efforts Apr 2008
- 💧 Develop initial recommendations Dec 2008
 - 💧 To maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of existing water quality data collection and dissemination
 - 💧 To ensure collected data are maintained and available for use by decision makers and public
- 💧 Develop a comprehensive monitoring program strategy for California Dec 2010
- 💧 Triennial Audit Dec 2014

Refining the Strategy

💧 Planning Subcommittee meeting

Nov 2015

💧 CalEPA Secretary and Undersecretary

💧 Demonstrate Council usefulness

- 💧 Tie efforts to high-profile issues of administration
- 💧 Support decision-making with data and information

💧 Subcommittee deliberations

💧 Be more opportunistic

- 💧 Harmful algal blooms
- 💧 Delta – support EcoRestore and WaterFix
- 💧 Dashboards to support agency management decisions
- 💧 Support both statewide and regional efforts
- 💧 Incorporate water supply where relevant
- 💧 New legislation needed to provide direction and funding

Strategy Implementation

- More-fully engage additional state and federal governmental organizations
 - Commit personnel to workgroup actions
 - Provide additional resources
- Provide greater representation so as to influence Council and workgroup direction to better align with organizational needs – options
 - Data Management Steering Committee example
 - Add members to existing Monitoring Council

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QUALITY

MONITORING COUNCIL

Discussion